

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 285 – SB 640

April 2, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires principals to report students who have been absent from a remedial program five times without excuse to the director of schools or their designee. Directs the director of schools or their designee to treat absences from a remedial program in the same way that absences from the regular school day are treated. Authorizes fines and community service to be assessed to the parents or legal guardians of such students by the juvenile courts.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006223): Adds language to Section 1 of the bill making the section only applicable to remedial programs that are offered at no cost to the parent and for which the LEA commits to providing transportation to the remedial program to qualifying students before such students are required to attend the remedial program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any increase in local expenditures to report additional absences for remedial programs are estimated to be not significant.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

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- Based on information from the Comptroller, there are very few remedial programs that are held outside of the normal school day because of transportation issues. Therefore, it is estimated that any permissive increase in local expenditures to provide transportation to remedial programs held outside the school day will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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